

HOUSE BILL 127

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, Part 21 and Title 55, relative to school
bus drivers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-302(d), is amended by
deleting the following language:

The department shall not issue a school bus endorsement unless the applicant
has had at least five (5) years of unrestricted driving experience prior to the date of
application and the department is fully satisfied as to the applicant's good character,
competency, and fitness to be so employed.

and substituting instead the following:

Notwithstanding subdivision (c)(1), the department shall not issue a school bus
endorsement unless the applicant is at least twenty-five (25) years of age and has had at
least five (5) years of unrestricted driving experience prior to the date of application and
the department is fully satisfied as to the applicant's good character, competency, and
fitness to be so employed; except, that the department is authorized to issue a school
bus endorsement to an applicant younger than twenty-five (25) years of age if the
applicant is renewing a school bus endorsement held by the applicant as of June 30,
2017.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.